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SIR:

This paper addresses the Office Action dated January 3, 2003. Initially, please amend the application as set forth below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

9. (Amended) A multipole electrical connector for providing a releasable coupling with a multipole mating connector, comprising:

a housing; and

a contact set supported in the housing, the contact set including a plurality of contact elements, each of the contact elements configured to receive a different counter-contact section of the multipole mating connector, each of the contact elements including a contact section and a connecting section; wherein the contact elements are arranged in a single plane and form a single-layer stamped grid.

14. (Amended) The connector according to claim 9, wherein at